

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2021

The June meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liason), Artie Fauble, Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, David Toohey, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker.

NEW BUSINESS

Kristy Cruz – Girls on the Run (GOTR)

Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 10:00 – 11:30. A 5K inner loop run at Community Park. Paperwork submitted but the insurance needs corrected. Pat motioned to approve pending the correction, David seconded and approved by all.

Robert Howard – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Walkersville Ward.

Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 3-7 p.m. Wants to use ballfield #1 at HFP for a pick-up softball game and picnic. No pavillons are available. He is working on the insurance. Pat motioned to approve pending insurance, Kitty seconded and all approved.

Brittany Ramsburg – Glade Valley Community Show

This annual event cannot be held at the high school due to Covid factors. Looking for an alternative place to hold this event and were interested in the new building at HFP. This will be a downsized event from the usual affair. After discussion, this was deemed unusable. Luckily, Mark Lynch with Walkers Overlook was in attendance and offered the use of his facility! This will be held Wed, Sept 29 – Thurs, Sept 30 (his availability). These parties will work out particulars.

Naode Kiros – Madison House Autism Foundation 5K

This WHS junior wishes to hold this event at Community Park on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. A course map was provided that includes the perimeter of Fountain Rock Park. He expects 50-100 runners. Plans are to include Steeple Chasers for timing purposes, have water stations and solicit sponsors. The paperwork was complete. Kelly mentioned rocks could be painted for safety but no paint on asphalt. Chalk can be used also. Pat motioned to approve, David seconded and all approved.

Amy Pezenosky – GVAA Track and Field. Krista Day and Kelly Cleaver also present. Emily Lord unable to attend. Would like to propose installing practice areas for track and field events at a Walkersville Park. Main events will be held at WHS. There are availability issues with using the high school track for practice. The above ladies provided a presentation with diagramed drawings for needed event areas. This would need to include a full-sized track (total area of 581' X 304') or least a half track. There are 18 different events with @ 60 students.

After discussion, it was suggested to get a cost analysis proposal to proceed. Funds would need to be generated from GVAA. All plans will need approved by Parks and the Burgess and Commissioners. Walkersville Maintenance should also be included in this possible endeavor.

Amy's contact info is 301-606-7348 and gvaatf@gmail.com.

Mark Lynch – Walker's Overlook

Wanted to make us aware that he is working with Walkersville Fire Hall to book weddings. He was wondering if the ceremonies (1 hr in length) could be held at a picturesque area in one of our parks. Mark is also reaching out to churches in the area. After discussion, it was decided that the parks are very busy with activities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Parking also factored into the discussion. Parks members are to think about this possibility and be in touch with Mark with ideas.

6/3/21 – Kitty called Mark to verify dates. Mark was interested in what the scouts are doing with the Manor House. He stated he would need changing rooms also for the wedding and wondered if the house could be a possibility.

Kevin Connolly – Dog Park possibility

Kevin still interested in establishing a dog park in one of Walkersville Parks. Discussion ensued as to the restraints – running water (not a necessity), liability, maintenance, the expense of fencing. It was decided that Kevin will get a petition going to show interest. Perhaps the town could assist with a possible survey in social media.

GVAA – Mike Fyock

Mike owns his own company – Velocities Plus LLC. Website – Getviperfit.com. He requests to use the soccer fields over the summer for training with athletes (speed and agility training). Thinking two days a week when school gets out. Unsure of interest at this point, just wants to know availability and possible use of the fields. More information/specifics are needed to vote on this. He will be touch further.

Mike let the home school group know of the expenses incurred at the fields they used. He has had “no response”.

GVAA – Michelle Fyock

The dumpster was at the Manor House for two weeks and got filled up from cleaning out the house to prepare for the Boy Scouts. All sports have cleaned out their areas except softball.

No word on the Press box installation.

All “going strong” with Fall registrations.

PARKS MEMBERS DISCUSSIONS

Patricia Rowley – Metro (dealer for Miracle) met with Sean, Mary Ann and Pat at Creamery Park to discuss the possible installation of new A.D.A. playground equipment. Mary Ann applied for POS money and it should be known on June 10 as to what we are awarded. There is \$330K to split up among municipalities. \$175K was put in Parks budget for potential playground equipment from the town.

Metro will submit a design. Will be a more in depth discussion once it is known about our share of POS monies.

The Coleman family will have a plaque placed on a piece of this equipment to represent their memorial contribution for their son, Matthew.

Jay Lochner – Met with Dalton Caudill after the completion of his GaGa Court at Community Park for his Eagle Project. There was a GoFundMe account set up for asphalt expenses. This GaGa Court will be introduced on our social media pages.

Mary Ann - The forestry plan is still being worked out. There are 3 HFP new building issues – paint bubbling, grating problems and shutter issues. These are to be corrected.

David - Visited Trout Park located in Sun Meadow. Polled users at the park who requested a splash pad, mister and a larger pavillon.

David also presented an idea to have donuts/coffee at the local parks during designed weekend times to meet with the public for possible input and to get our committee in the public eye.

Yoga at Community Park under the trees was also a suggestion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Artie motioned to adjourn, seconded by Pat and all in favor.

Due to the annual firemen's carnival in July, the next Parks Committee meeting will be held on August 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker